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1. Source states that there has been a steady increase in the sales in Lebanon of al-Salam and al-Katib, Partisans of Peace reviews published in Syria and Egypt, respectively. This increase is in spite of the fact that the Lebanese Government banned them in July of this year and in spite of their having gone up in price (from 15 to 20 piasters for al-Salam, and from 20 to 25 piasters for al-Katib). The circulation of al-Salam has increased in Lebanon from 250 copies per issue to 1,000.
2. According to source, the reason for the increased circulation of these periodicals is that members of the Partisans of Peace and the Communist Party are required to buy them.¹
3. A meeting of Lebanese Partisans of Peace leaders was held on 22 August in the office of Viktor Nikulin, Press Attaché at the Soviet Legation in Beirut. Antun Tabit, Dr. George Hanna, Dr. Muzzaffar al-'Aris, and Shafiq Tabbarah attended.
4. At the meeting the possibility of publishing a weekly Partisans of Peace review in Beirut was discussed and Tabit and Hanna were delegated to approach publishers in Beirut in order to find one who would be willing to request Governmental authorization for the publication and to print it in his plant.²
5. According to source, those present at the meeting also expressed their willingness to go along with the plan of the Beirut newspapers al-Sharq and al-Hadaf to increase from twenty-five to thirty-five Lebanese pounds the rate per column for Partisans of Peace and Soviet Legation handouts which are printed in the two papers.

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] source reported that the Communist Party in Egypt was handling the sale of al-Katib.
 2. [REDACTED] Comment. According to Nikulin, a publisher for the projected review had not been found as of 12 September. However, Nikulin stated that he had heard of a publisher named Adib Hannawi whom he wished to approach in this connection. Hannawi is the proprietor of a review called al-'Isbu' (The Week), which appears very irregularly. Hannawi has Governmental authorization to publish al-'Usbu'.

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